

Meyer Lemon (Valley Lemon)

There is little doubt that this variety of lemon is not a true lemon and is probably a hybrid between the lemon and either an orange or a mandarin. The fruit more closely resembles an orange than a lemon internally as well as externally. It is fairly large—65 to 75 mm in diameter—almost round in shape and with only the smallest of nipples. It has an attractive appearance, with yellowish-orange rind which is exceptionally smooth, soft and thin but lacks the typical lemon peel oil aroma; in fact the variety is not desirable for lemon oil production. The pulp is usually a dark yellow color, very juicy and tender, containing about ten small round seeds per fruit. This variety is very sensitive to handling damage probably because of its smooth rind texture and soft condition. It has some commercial importance in Queensland where it is grown in the coastal region, and is especially valued for its main crop harvested in the mid-summer period when true lemons are scarcest.

WHERE IS QUEENSLAND?

Answer: Australia

